

THE RUTHERFORD *Report*

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Supervisor Rutherford speaks with Jim and Kathye Rietkerk who own Kallisto Greenhouses in Fontana.

One isn't necessarily born with Courage, but one is born with potential.

Without Courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency.

We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

—Maya Angelou

Finding Real Courage

When we speak of virtue, we tend to elevate the discussion to big, theatrical significance. Yet, the most virtuous behavior—the kind we want our children to learn and emulate—is the everyday stuff that makes sharing this earth better, that reminds us of the humanity that binds us, that makes us smile and hope and want to be better ourselves.

And so when I think of courage as a virtue, I am not thinking about the big hero in Hollywood movies, or even in real-life stories about heroes risking their own lives to save others. I am thinking of the ability to face difficult

tasks and to live in accordance with one's values, even when one is afraid and even when one is criticized.

Most of us make it through life without ever having to risk our own to save another's, and most of us do not literally go into battle. But all of us are challenged to live the way we know we ought to, and all of us fall short at times. Courage is what gets us on track and what stiffens our resolve when we face the next obstacle.

Courage is what lets children and young adults face their peers and resist temptation when it would be so much

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The Dragons Return to Lake Gregory

The popular Dragon Boat Races are returning to Lake Gregory Regional Park for a third year on August 20 and 21.

This competitive event is based on a Chinese custom that dates back more than 2,500 years. The competition pits teams of 12 paddlers against each other in 250-meter race. The racing vessels are 40-foot long canoes with ornate dragon heads protruding from the bow.

This year's Dragon Boat Races will once again feature a "Flowers on the Water" ceremony. Cancer survivors will paddle to the middle of Lake Gregory a little after noon

on Aug. 20 and toss flowers into the water in honor of people who have died from the disease.

The first day of the Lake Gregory Dragon Boat Races is exclusively for novice racers. Don't worry if you have never participated before. There will be experts on hand to help you learn. In addition, you'll have a professional dragon boat racer on board with you during the race. This coach sits at the bow and methodically strikes a drum to help the team paddle in sync.

On Aug. 21, Dragon Boat professionals get a chance to show us how it's done. Many of these racers spend their

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Join the Fight Against Graffiti

Graffiti harms our communities by propagating blight, glamorizing drugs and gangs, damaging property, and lowering property values. You can help fight this scourge by reporting graffiti in your community.

The County of San Bernardino offers an application called “SB Code” that allows you to report graffiti and other code violations via your iPhone or Android device. The application allows you to send photos of graffiti as well as a map of where the markings are located directly to Code Enforcement.

Of course, you can always do it the old-fashioned way by calling (877) 442-2283.

The County provides graffiti removal services in unincorporated communities. If the graffiti is located in

an incorporated city, you need to contact the city where the vandalism is located to have it removed.

The following are graffiti hotline numbers for Second District cities.

City of Fontana – (909) 350-GONE (4663)

City of Rancho Cucamonga – (909) 481-7999

City of Upland – (909) 931-4127

Remember to provide a precise location and description of the graffiti to ensure its removal. You do not need to leave your name.

If you see graffiti in progress, report it immediately to local law enforcement. Do not approach vandals because this can and has led to violent confrontations.

Upland Resident Offers “TEA” for Teen Moms



Gloria Mitchell was at a loss eight years ago when she found out her then 16-year-old daughter, Candice, was pregnant.

She knew being a teen mother would profoundly impact her child’s life, but she did not know what she could do to help her daughter stay in school and cope

with the challenges of being a teen mother. One thing was certain: Gloria was going to stand by Candice and provide her with all of the love and support she needed to have her baby and continue her education.

After high school officials told Gloria to take her daughter out of school because she might become a distraction to other students, Candice began attending an adult school where she also took part in a support program for pregnant teens and teen mothers.

Gloria, who now resides in Upland, began attending the program too and quickly realized other pregnant teens did not have the same support system as her daughter.

At the time, Gloria was president of the Puente Hills Soroptimist Club, and she proposed that the club work with a local school to help pregnant teens and teen parents learn about the resources and options available to them.

“We wanted to start something that would inspire them and show them that there are people who are willing to

help, but they needed to stay in school and continue to improve their lives so they could improve the lives of their children,” Gloria said.

Later on, Gloria started a nonprofit group called TEA For You (Teen Mothers Excelling through Adversities) so she could do more outreach to help other teen parents.

Today, TEA For You hosts programs that attract as many as 220 participants at 15 different schools in Los Angeles County. Gloria is working to bring the program to San Bernardino County as well.

Every May, the nonprofit hosts a luncheon for pregnant teens and teen moms and dads. The event includes presentations by former teen moms and dads who overcame their adversities to become doctors, lawyers, dentists, and professionals in other fields—as well as parents.

In addition to providing resource information and encouragement to teen parents, TEA hosts essay contests where teen mothers can earn money for college. The nonprofit awards 25 scholarships from \$200 to \$1,000 every year.

Gloria’s daughter, Candice, went on to become a licensed cosmetologist and bail bonds agent. Candice’s 8-year-old son, Anthony, shares the same birthday as his doting grandmother.

For more information about the TEA For You, contact Gloria at (909) 622-2626.

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weekends honing their paddling skills so their boats almost fly across the water when they move at full steam.

Visit www.lgdragonboat.org or call San Bernardino County Regional Parks at (909) 38PARKS for more information about the Lake Gregory Dragon Boat Races.

There are several other fun, family-friendly events taking place at Lake Gregory over the next couple of months.

On the morning of July 30, the park will host a Junior Fishing Workshop where children between the ages of 5 and 12 can learn how to cast, tie a line, and reel in a big one. The \$5 entry fee includes the use of fishing equipment and training. Call (909) 387-2461 to register your child for the workshop.

The park will host a showing of the movie "Tangled" at 8 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the baseball fields. The cost is \$4 per person.

The 32nd annual Run through the Pines will take place on Aug. 13. This 5k/10k run around beautiful Lake Gregory is hosted by the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District. Call (909) 337-7275 for registration

information. Race-walkers are welcome, too.

To top off the summer at Lake Gregory, Regional Parks will host a Sand Sculpture Contest on Sept. 4. The contest is free with your \$3 entry fee for the beach area, which also features a water slide, zero-depth water playground, and lots of other activities.

If you can't make it to Crestline, Glen Helen Regional Park in Devore is also a great place to cool off with the family. The park features a swim lagoon, a double-flume water slide, and zero-depth water playground, as well as a fishing pond, tent camping, and hiking trails. The park is located just south of the I-15/

I-215 interchange.

Visit www.sbcountyparks.com for more information about San Bernardino County's Regional Parks.



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easier to give into the latest fad or look the other way when values are ignored. I see courage in my little boy as he works to overcome bouts of shyness to make new friends. I see it in young ladies who insist on dressing modestly even when modest clothes are not the trendiest. I see it in colleagues who vote their conscience when it would be easier to stay silent and blend into the majority.

In a musical that I enjoy for sentimental reasons, there is a song about how when we are out of courage ourselves and "ready to break," we should turn to our family for strength. In another musical that I enjoy for theatrical reasons, Don Quixote sings about fighting for the right. So, courage take not for tilting at windmills, but for righteous causes, despite popular attitudes.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: The Mountain View Inn once occupied the area that is now home to the Sycamore Inn in Rancho Cucamonga.

Question: The former Mickey Thompson's Fontana International Dragway, which operated from 1955 to 1972, would be located in what residential community today?

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Upcoming Events

July 20, 2011	The Board of Supervisors will host a workshop to discuss redistricting proposals at 2 p.m. at the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino. Public comment is welcome.
July 21, 2011	The San Antonio Heights Association will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at Life Bible Fellowship Church to discuss community issues Call (909) 985-6996 for more information.
July 21, 2011	The Mighty Cash Cats—a Johnny Cash tribute band—will perform at 7 p.m. at Veterans Park located at 17255 Merrill Ave. in Fontana.
July 23, 2011	Philip Ostergard, author of The Inspired Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, presents how Lincoln's faith influenced his decisions from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Upland Public Library located at 450 N. Euclid Ave.
July 25, 2011	The Rancho Cucamonga Fire Safe Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the East Avenue Station located at 5840 East Avenue.
July 26, 2011	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meeting at 10 a.m. in the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino.
July 26-27, 2011	San Bernardino and Riverside counties will host a two-day workshop for engineers, consultants, and other professionals who require Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan certification. Call (916) 395-4496 for location and ticket information.
July 28, 2011	Rancho Cucamonga Firefighters will hold a hands-on, interactive camp for youth ages 9 to 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Jersey Fire Station. This camp will introduce participants to the firefighting profession as well as provide fire safety education. Call (909) 477-2770 ext. 3008 for more information.
July 30, 2011	The Fontana Arts Festival will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Southridge Park located at 14501 Live Oak Avenue. Attendees will be treated to live music, performing arts, art projects, art demonstrations, dance exhibits, and art workshops.
August 1, 2011	The Devore Rural Protection Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Kimbark Elementary School located at 18021 Kenwood Avenue.
August 1, 2011	The Rancho Cucamonga Library Foundation will meet at 6 p.m. in the Tri-Communities Room located in the Civic Center, 10500 Civic Dr., Rancho Cucamonga.
August 5, 2011	The Upland Lions Club will host at Fish Fry at Memorial Park from 4 to 8 p.m. to raise money for the organization's charitable work.
August 5, 2011	The City of Fontana will host Cruising Spring Street at 5 p.m. at Spring Street and Sierra Avenue. This free event features classic and exotic cars, as well as food vendors and live music.
August 5, 2011	San Bernardino County Regional Parks will host a showing of "Tangled" at 8 p.m. at Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline. The cost is \$4 per person.
August 6, 2011	Family Storytime is held at 11 a.m. every Saturday at the Archibald Library in Rancho Cucamonga. This free interactive event is geared toward children between 2 and 8 years old.
August 10, 2011	The City of Upland will host the Kids' Swap Meet at 5 p.m. at Magnolia Park, 651 W. 15th Street. Children earn extra cash by selling old video games, toys, clothes, and other items. It costs \$5 to rent a booth. Call (909) 931-4280 for registration information.
August 11, 2011	The Lytle Creek Community Meeting and Potluck will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Lytle Creek Community Center located at 14082 Center Way.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.